

Application No. 10/667,375  
Reply to Office Action dated August 18, 2008

Docket No.: 3449-0273P

### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 13-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 9 and 15 are independent. Claims 1, 5, 9 and 15 have been amended and 20-23 have been canceled by the present amendment.

### Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 20-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in this application. In light of this indication, the limitations of objected-to claims 20-23 have been added into independent claims 1, 5, 9 and 15, respectively, and therefore independent claims 1, 5, 9 and 15 should be in condition for allowance. Also, claims 4, 8, 13 and 14 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claims 1, 5, and 9, and are therefore allowable based on their dependence from claims 1, 5, and 9 which are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kim et al. is moot.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final, in that it raises no new issues but merely places the claims in a form more clearly patentable over the references of record. In the alternative, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final in that it reduces the issues for appeal.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Jun S. Ha (Reg. #. 58,508) at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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